

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

Nakagawa et al.

Application No. Unassigned

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For: ADHESIVE TAPE AND SUBSTRATE FOR  
ADHESIVE TAPE

Art Unit: Unassigned

Examiner: Unassigned

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-identified patent application, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

**AMENDMENTS**

IN THE CLAIMS:

3. (Amended) The adhesive tape of claim 1 [or claim 2], wherein the olefin polymer comprises the following Component A and Component B:

a Component A: a thermoplastic resin having a carbonyl oxygen atom in the molecular skeleton

Component B: a polymer alloy containing an ethylene component and a propylene component.

8. (Amended) The adhesive tape of claim 1 [or claim 2], wherein the flame retardant is added in an amount of 20 - 200 parts by weight per 100 parts by weight of the olefin polymer.

9. (Amended) The adhesive tape of claim 1 [or claim 2], wherein the flame retardant is a metal hydroxide.

10. (Amended) The adhesive tape of claim 1 [or claim 2], which has a dynamic storage modulus (E') at 80°C of not less than 25 MPa and a dynamic storage modulus (E') at 120°C of not less than 10 MPa.

11. (Amended) The adhesive tape of claim 1 [or claim 2], wherein the substrate is not crosslinked during or after a forming process thereof.

#### REMARKS

The claims have been amended to remove multiple claim dependencies. Specifically, original multiply-dependent claims 3 and 8 - 11 have been amended to be singly-dependent. After entry of these claim amendments, claims 1-20 remain pending. For the convenience of the Examiner, the text of the pending claims after amendment is set forth on an attachment hereto.

The application is considered in good and proper form for allowance, and the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

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